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The Norma cluster (ACO 3627) – III. The distance and peculiar velocity via the near-infrared K_s -band Fundamental Plane

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ABSTRACT

While Norma (ACO 3627) is the richest cluster in the Great Attractor (GA) region, its role in the local dynamics is poorly understood. The Norma cluster has a mean redshift (z_{CMB}) of 0.0165 and has been proposed as the ‘core’ of the GA. We have used the K_s -band Fundamental Plane (FP) to measure Norma cluster’s distance with respect to the Coma cluster. We report FP photometry parameters (effective radii and surface brightnesses), derived from ESO New Technology Telescope Son of ISAAC images, and velocity dispersions, from Anglo-Australian Telescope 2dF spectroscopy, for 31 early-type galaxies in the cluster. For the Coma cluster we use Two Micron All Sky Survey images and Sloan Digital Sky Survey velocity dispersion measurements for 121 early-type galaxies to generate the calibrating FP data set. For the combined Norma–Coma sample we measure FP coefficients of $a = 1.465 \pm 0.059$ and $b = 0.326 \pm 0.020$. We find an rms scatter, in $\log \sigma$, of ~ 0.08 dex which corresponds to a distance uncertainty of ~ 28 per cent per galaxy. The zero-point offset between Norma’s and Coma’s FPs is 0.154 ± 0.014 dex. Assuming that the Coma cluster is at rest with respect to the cosmic microwave background frame and $z_{\text{CMB}}(\text{Coma}) = 0.0240$, we derive a distance to the Norma cluster of $5026 \pm 160 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, and the derived peculiar velocity is $-72 \pm 170 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, i.e. consistent with zero. This is lower than previously reported positive peculiar velocities for clusters/groups/galaxies in the GA region and hence the Norma cluster may indeed represent the GA’s ‘core’.

Key words: galaxies: clusters: individual: Norma cluster (ACO 3627)–galaxies: distances and redshifts – galaxies: photometry.

1 INTRODUCTION

By studying the sky distribution of the Sc galaxy sample of Rubin et al. (1976) and the southern group catalogue of Sandage (1975), Chincarini & Rood (1979) found evidence for a supercluster in the Hydra–Centaurus region. This supercluster encompasses the rich clusters now catalogued as Abell S0636 (Antlia, $v_{\text{hel}} \simeq 2800 \text{ km s}^{-1}$), Abell 1060 (Hydra, $v_{\text{hel}} \simeq 3800 \text{ km s}^{-1}$), Abell 3526 (Centaurus, $v_{\text{hel}} \simeq 3400 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) and Abell 3574 (IC 4329, $v_{\text{hel}} \simeq 4800 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). The Local Supercluster has a sizable motion ($\sim 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) towards this supercluster (Shaya 1984; Tammann & Sandage 1985) and the galaxy motions in the Local Supercluster have a shear that is directed towards Hydra–Centaurus (Lilje, Yahil & Jones 1986). From a redshift survey of

the Hydra–Centaurus region, da Costa et al. (1986) concluded that this supercluster extends to $v_{\text{hel}} \simeq 5500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

The discovery of large positive streaming motions in the Hydra–Centaurus direction (Lynden-Bell et al. 1988) led to the idea of a large, extended mass overdensity, i.e. the Great Attractor (GA), dominating the local dynamics. They found a surprisingly large positive peculiar velocity for the dominant Cen 30 subcomponent of the Centaurus cluster, i.e. $+1100 \pm 208 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. While several studies confirmed the presence of these large positive peculiar velocities (e.g. Aaronson et al. 1989; Dressler & Faber 1990), a non-significant peculiar velocity for Cen30 of $+200 \pm 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ was measured by Lucey & Carter (1988) (cf. Burstein, Faber & Dressler 1990).

Subsequently the supergalactic plane redshift survey (SPS; Dressler 1988) and the redshifts of *IRAS* galaxies in this region (Strauss & Davis 1988) confirmed that there was a substantial concentration of galaxies in this region extending from 2000 to 5500 km s^{-1} . While in the literature the GA term has been used

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differently by various studies (see Lynden-Bell, Lahav & Burstein 1989; Burstein et al. 1990; Rowan-Robinson et al. 1990; Mould et al. 2000; Courtois et al. 2012, 2013), an inclusive definition for the GA is the mass contained in the volume spanning $\ell = 260^\circ$ – 350° , $b = -35^\circ$ – 45° , $v_{\text{hel}} = 2000$ – 6000 km s^{-1} . This broad definition encompasses the Hydra–Centaurus supercluster but extends across the galactic plane to include Pavo-I, Pavo-II and the Norma cluster.

After more than two decades of study the nature and full extent of the GA is still not well established. The original work by Lynden-Bell et al. (1988) estimated the GA to have a mass of $\sim 5.4 \times 10^{16} M_\odot$, centred at $(\ell, b) = (307^\circ, 9^\circ)$ and $v_{\text{hel}} = 4350 \pm 350 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. From surface brightness fluctuation (SBF) distances for ~ 300 early-type galaxies (ETGs) Tonry et al. (2000) place the GA at $(\ell, b, v_{\text{hel}}) = (289^\circ, 19^\circ, 3200 \pm 260 \text{ km s}^{-1})$ with a mass $\sim 8 \times 10^{15} M_\odot$, i.e. approximately six times less than the original derived mass. As the GA spans low galactic latitudes, where the extinction is severe, our understanding of this important local large structure is still incomplete.

Beyond the GA at $(\ell, b, v_{\text{hel}}) = (312^\circ, 31^\circ, 14\,400 \text{ km s}^{-1})$ lies the extremely rich Shapley Supercluster. While first recognized by Shapley (1930) as a very populous cloud of galaxies, this structure was highlighted by Oort (1983) in his review of superclusters. With the publication of the southern extension to the Abell cluster catalogue (Abell, Corwin & Olowin 1989) a large number of rich clusters in Shapley were noted (Scaramella et al. 1989). Raychaudhury (1989) from an analysis of galaxies on the UK Schmidt Telescope (UKST) survey plates independently found this remarkable structure.

The role of Shapley in the local dynamics is unclear. While most studies concluded/advocated that Shapley has only a modest contribution ($\leq 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) to Local Group motion with respect to the cosmic microwave background (CMB; e.g. Ettori, Fabian & White 1997; Branchini et al. 1999; Hudson et al. 2004), some studies have concluded a much larger contribution ($\sim 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$; see e.g. Marinoni et al. 1998; Kocevski & Ebeling 2006). The lack of clear evidence for any backside infall into the GA (Mathewson, Ford & Buchhorn 1992; Hudson 1994) led to the idea that the Shapley Supercluster dominates the motions on the far side of the GA (Allen et al. 1990). Extensive redshift surveys (e.g. Proust et al. 2006; Radburn-Smith et al. 2006) have revealed the complex interconnections of the structures in this region.

The Norma cluster (Abell 3627) was identified by Kraan-Korteweg et al. (1996) as the richest cluster in the GA region lying close to the galactic plane at $(\ell, b, v_{\text{hel}}) = (325^\circ, -7^\circ, 4871 \text{ km s}^{-1})$ (Woudt et al. 2008). Norma’s mass and richness is comparable to the Coma cluster (Woudt et al. 2008). How the observed motions in the GA region relate to Norma is of great interest and this can be investigated via the measurement of Norma’s peculiar velocity. In general, if Norma is indeed located near the core of the ‘classical’ GA overdensity, then this cluster is likely to possess a small peculiar velocity. Whereas if, for example, the relatively nearby GA model of Tonry et al. (2000) is correct, then the Norma cluster might be expected to have a negative peculiar velocity of the order of -500 km s^{-1} . Alternatively, if a sizable component of the observed GA flow were due to a large-scale bulk flow caused by the distant Shapley Supercluster, then the Norma cluster would possess a sizable positive motion of the order of $+500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The large-scale peculiar velocity field derived from density field reconstructions predicts that Norma’s peculiar velocity is less than 100 km s^{-1} [Branchini et al. 1999, Point Source Catalogue redshift survey (PSCz); Lavaux et al. 2010, 2MASS redshift survey (2MRS)].

There has been keen interest in the Norma cluster, with dedicated multiwavelength studies, for example X-ray (Boehringer et al. 1996), H I (Vollmer et al. 2001), deep optical surveys (Woudt & Kraan-Korteweg 2001), a deep redshift survey (Woudt et al. 2008, hereafter Paper I) and near-infrared (NIR; Skelton, Woudt & Kraan-Korteweg 2009).

In this third paper we report Norma’s distance (and hence peculiar velocity) derived from distance measurements of early-type cluster galaxies. We use both the Fundamental Plane (FP; Djorgovski & Davis 1987; Dressler et al. 1987) and the metric aperture Faber–Jackson (FJ) relation (Faber & Jackson 1976; Lucey 1986). We apply these techniques using NIR K_s -band photometry where the effect of foreground galactic extinction is only $\sim 0.07 \text{ mag}$. We determine Norma’s distance relative to the Coma cluster which we assume is at rest with respect to the CMB frame; various measurements support this assumption (e.g. Colless et al. 2001; Bernardi et al. 2002; Hudson et al. 2004; Springob et al. 2007).

This paper is structured as follows. Sample selection, observations and spectroscopic data analysis are discussed in Section 2. The photometric analysis is discussed in Section 3. In Section 4, we discuss the methods used to determine the zero-point offset, and thereafter turn the zero-point offset into a distance and peculiar velocity (Section 5). We finally discuss our results under Section 6.

We have adopted, where not stated, standard cosmology with $H_0 = 70.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_m = 0.27$ and $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.73$ (Hinshaw et al. 2009). For the Coma cluster we adopt a redshift (z_{CMB}) of 0.0240 which results in an angular diameter distance of 99.2 Mpc and a scale of $1 \text{ arcsec} = 0.481 \text{ kpc}$ for Coma.

2 SAMPLE SELECTION, OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

2.1 Sample selection (photometry)

The Norma cluster has a mean heliocentric velocity (v_{hel}) of $4871 \pm 54 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and a velocity dispersion (σ_{cl}) of 925 km s^{-1} (Paper I). For our Norma ETG sample we selected galaxies that

- (i) had velocities within $\pm 3\sigma_{\text{cl}}$ of v_{hel} , i.e. the velocity range $2096 < v_{\text{hel}} < 7646 \text{ km s}^{-1}$,
- (ii) were within the Abell radius ($R_A = 1.74$) and
- (iii) we had successfully measured a central velocity dispersion for (see Section 2.2).

This resulted in a sample of 31 ETGs. Fig. 1 (left-hand panel) shows the sky distribution of our sample; all galaxies lie within $0.6 R_A$. Fig. 1 (right-hand panel) shows the velocity distribution of the sample which is very similar to the distribution of the 296 known cluster members.

For our Coma cluster ETG sample we selected galaxies that

- (i) were typed as E or E/S0 or S0 by Dressler (1980),
- (ii) were redshift-confirmed cluster members,
- (iii) had a central velocity dispersion in Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Data Release 8 (DR8; Aihara et al. 2011) and
- (iv) we were successfully able to measure the FP photometry parameters from the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) Atlas images (see Section 2.3).

This resulted in a sample of 121 ETGs.

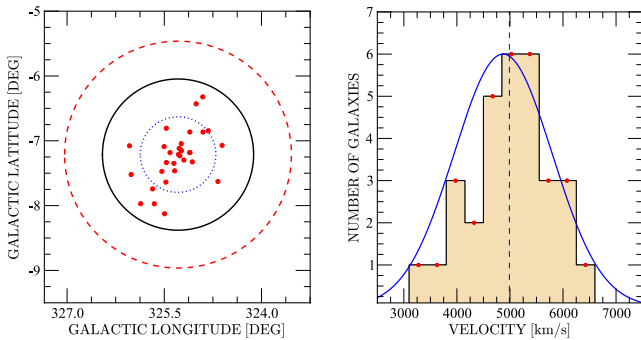


Figure 1. The sample selection for the Norma cluster NIR K_s -band FP. In the left-hand panel, the outer dashed circle corresponds to the Abell radius, R_A , the black solid and the blue dotted circles correspond to $\frac{2}{3}R_A$ and $\frac{1}{3}R_A$, respectively. The red filled circles show the positions of the 31 ETGs. The right-hand panel shows the corresponding velocity distribution; the overplotted Gaussian (blue solid curve) corresponds to the mean heliocentric velocity and central velocity dispersion for the Norma cluster as measured from 296 cluster member galaxies (Paper I). The blue vertical dotted line represents the mean heliocentric velocity of our Norma cluster FP sample.

2.2 Spectroscopic data

Fibre spectroscopy was undertaken with the 2dF facility (Lewis et al. 2002) on the 3.9-m Anglo-Australian Telescope. For the Norma cluster three fibre configurations were used. This enabled repeat observations of Norma’s ETGs for velocity dispersion measurements as well as an in-parallel redshift survey of the cluster (see Paper I). Immediately before the observations of the Norma cluster, two fibre configurations centred on the Centaurus cluster (Abell 3526) were observed to calibrate the measured velocity dispersions on to a standardized system. Along with these science frames, observations were also made of four K-giant stars (to act as templates for the cross-correlation) as well as offset sky and flat-field frames.

The 2.1 arcsec diameter of the 2dF fibres translates into a physical size of 0.70 kpc at the Norma redshift. As described in Paper I, the observations were made with the 1200V gratings which resulted in a wavelength coverage of 4700–5840 Å at a full width at half-maximum (FWHM) resolution of 125 km s^{−1} at Mg *b*; this is sufficient to determine velocity dispersions down to ∼60 km s^{−1}. Spectra were extracted from the raw data frames, flat-fielded, wavelength calibrated and sky-subtracted using the Australian Astronomical Observatory (AAO) 2DFDR software package.¹ After redshift determination via cross-correlation, the spectra were shifted to a rest-frame wavelength and continuum subtracted. Velocity dispersions (σ) were measured by comparing galaxy spectra to those of the stellar templates, using the Fourier quotient method of Sargent et al. (1977). Errors were determined by bootstrap re-sampling the spectra.

Systematic offsets in velocity dispersion measurements at the level of ∼0.015 dex exist between different observing systems (telescopes, spectrographs, runs, etc.). The Streaming Motions of Abell Clusters (SMAC) project (Hudson et al. 2001) intercompared measurements from 27 different systems and constructed a standardized system of velocity dispersions. Our Centaurus velocity dispersion measurements were used to calibrate our 2dF data on to the SMAC system. Table 1 presents our velocity dispersion measurements for the Centaurus cluster galaxies; the independent measurements from

the two different fibre configurations are reported. Prior to the comparison to SMAC, our measurements were averaged (weighted mean) and corrected to a standardized physical aperture size of $\sim 2 r_{\text{norm}} = 1.19 h^{-1}$ kpc following the prescription of Jorgensen, Franx & Kjaergaard (1995):

$$\log \sigma_{\text{norm}} = \log \sigma + 0.04 \log \left(\frac{r_{\text{ap}}}{r_{\text{norm}}} \right), \quad (1)$$

where σ_{norm} is the normalized velocity dispersion corrected to the standard aperture of radius r_{norm} , σ is the measured velocity dispersion and $\sim 2 r_{\text{ap}} h^{-1}$ kpc for this work is the projected fibre diameter at the cluster distance. For our adopted cosmology (with $H_0 = 100 h \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$), at the Centaurus ($z = 0.0123$), Norma ($z = 0.0165$) and Coma ($z = 0.0240$) distances, $2 r_{\text{norm}}$ is equivalent to 6.81, 5.05, 3.51 arcsec, respectively; for fibre diameters of 2.1, 2.1 and 3 arcsec the corrections are −0.0204, −0.0152 and −0.0027, respectively.

The two fibre configurations centred on the Centaurus cluster resulted in 26 velocity dispersion measurements for 18 galaxies. There is good agreement between our 2dF measurements and the SMAC standardized values with an observed mean offset (SMAC–2dF_{norm}) of $+0.0122 \pm 0.0073$ dex (see Fig. 2, upper panel). There is a sizable overlap ($N = 130$) between the SMAC survey and the more recent fibre velocity dispersion measurements in the Northern hemisphere by the SDSS DR8 (Aihara et al. 2011). There is also good agreement between these two surveys with an observed mean offset (SMAC–SDSS_{norm}) of $+0.0045 \pm 0.0039$ dex (see Fig. 2, lower panel). Included in this comparison are 38 Coma cluster galaxies; these have an offset of $+0.0035 \pm 0.0067$ dex. The Coma cluster galaxies are represented by the open squares in the lower panel of Fig. 2.

Our velocity dispersion measurements for the Norma cluster galaxies are presented in Table 2. The individual measurements from the three fibre configurations are given. A total of 112 velocity dispersion measurements were made of 66 galaxies of which we present only the 31 galaxies in our Norma sample. Also given in Table 2 for each galaxy is the averaged (weighted mean) velocity dispersion corrected to the standardized physical aperture size and the SMAC system, i.e. a correction of +0.012 dex is applied. The uncertainty in calibrating to the SMAC system is 0.007 dex which translates into systematic distance error at Norma of ∼2 per cent.

2.3 Photometry: observations and data reduction

While the effect of galactic extinction is significantly lower at NIR wavelengths than optical, the sky is also brighter. The NIR sky brightness also varies significantly at short time intervals. To avoid background saturation, NIR observations employ short exposures with a dithering pattern. Such short exposures ensure accurate sky determination, while the dithering mode minimizes the effect of bad (dead, faulty) pixels.

For the Coma cluster photometric analysis, we used the fully calibrated and reduced 2MASS Atlas images (Jarrett et al. 2000). 2MASS observations employed a total of six sky exposures each with 1.3 s (total integration time ∼7.8 s). The resulting frames (with 2 arcsec pixel scale) were combined into atlas images with resampled 1 arcsec pixels. The average FWHM seeing was ∼3.2 arcsec. Detailed information about the 2MASS data reduction is given in Jarrett et al. (2000).

¹ http://www.aao.gov.au/2df/aaomega/aaomega_2dfdr.html

Table 1. Velocity dispersions for the Centaurus cluster. The σ_1 and σ_2 columns refer to velocity dispersion measurements made with the two different fibre configuration. err_1 and err_2 are the errors. σ_{norm} is the weighted average of the σ_1 and σ_2 measurements with the aperture correction applied (-0.0204 dex) and $\log \sigma_{\text{SMAC}}$ is from table 7 of Hudson et al. (2001).

Identification	RA (2000.0)	Dec. (2000.0)	σ_1	err_1	σ_2	err_2	$\log \sigma_{\text{norm}}$	err_{norm}	$\log \sigma_{\text{SMAC}}$	err_{SMAC}
E322-075	12 46 26.00	-40 45 08.6	139.7	2.6	128.9	2.9	2.110	0.006	2.164	0.038
	12 48 31.02	-41 18 24.1			83.9	5.0	1.903	0.026	1.893	0.026
	12 49 18.60	-41 20 08.0	81.0	3.8			1.888	0.020	1.911	0.026
E322-099	12 49 26.27	-41 29 22.6	121.6	2.1			2.065	0.008	2.072	0.026
E322-101	12 49 34.55	-41 03 17.6	165.4	2.7	165.8	2.6	2.199	0.005	2.205	0.019
N4706	12 49 54.17	-41 16 46.0	226.1	2.7			2.334	0.005	2.325	0.014
	12 50 11.54	-41 13 15.8	113.8	3.2	119.5	2.2	2.050	0.007	2.075	0.009
	12 50 11.87	-41 17 57.0	66.3	4.8	72.9	4.6	1.823	0.021	1.837	0.018
E323-005	12 50 12.26	-41 30 53.8	219.0	3.2	215.2	2.7	2.316	0.004	2.343	0.026
E323-008	12 50 34.40	-41 28 15.2	137.1	3.0			2.117	0.010	2.134	0.014
E323-009	12 50 42.98	-41 25 49.5	136.4	1.9			2.114	0.006	2.126	0.018
	12 51 37.33	-41 18 12.3	126.2	3.2			2.081	0.011	2.120	0.025
	12 51 47.97	-40 59 37.4	74.0	3.5	74.2	3.1	1.849	0.014	1.884	0.025
N4743	12 51 50.85	-41 11 10.7	65.3	5.2			1.794	0.035	1.720	0.025
	12 51 56.51	-41 32 20.2	132.9	3.4	132.3	2.7	2.102	0.007	2.095	0.025
	12 52 16.02	-41 23 25.8	135.7	2.3			2.112	0.007	2.107	0.021
	12 52 22.58	-41 16 55.5			218.4	3.7	2.319	0.007	2.309	0.025
	12 52 40.86	-41 13 47.3	124.1	5.1	127.3	4.9	2.079	0.012	2.154	0.025

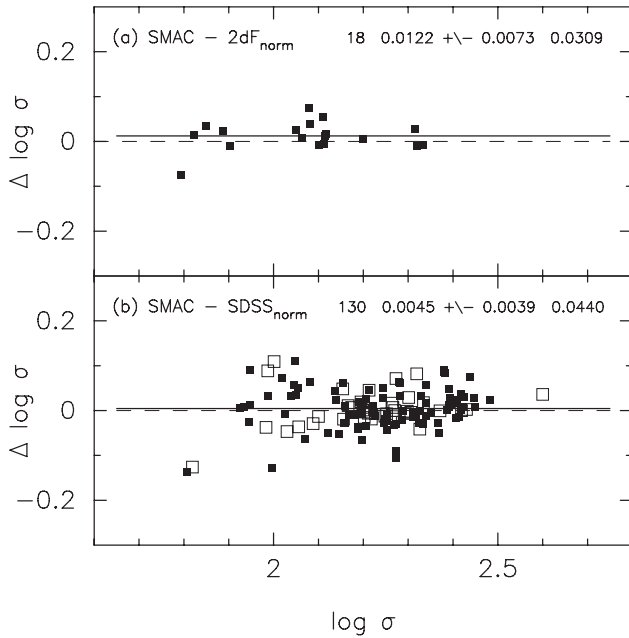


Figure 2. Comparison of the velocity dispersion measurements from SMAC, 2dF (aperture corrected) and SDSS (aperture corrected). The upper panel is the comparison of the 2dF Centaurus measurements with the SMAC values. The lower panel is the comparison of the SDSS and SMAC. Open squares represent the Coma cluster galaxies.

The NIR imaging for the Norma cluster was conducted on four nights in 2000 June at the ESO, using the Son of ISAAC (SOFI)² instrument on the 3.6-m New Technology Telescope (NTT). The SOFI imaging instrument provides a higher resolution due to the low pixel scale ($0.29 \text{ arcsec pixel}^{-1}$), and therefore provides higher quality (well resolved) images than 2MASS. Such a relatively low plate scale imaging instrument, combined with good seeing condi-

tions (mean FWHM for our observations is $\sim 1.08 \text{ arcsec}$), is crucial, especially in the crowded, high stellar density Norma region. For our sample, a total integration time of 300 s split into ~ 40 short exposures of 7.5 s each was used.

Standard NIR data reduction procedures were applied, including dark subtraction, flat-fielding, sky subtraction and combining the dither frames for each target into a single science image. Image calibration (both astrometric and photometric zero-points) was performed using the 2MASS Point Source Catalogue (2MASS PSC; Skrutskie et al. 2006). Fig. 3 shows a comparison between a 2MASS (left-hand panel) and a SOFI (right-hand panel) K_s -band image for the Norma cluster galaxy WKK 6318. The white circle represents 80 arcsec. Clearly, the low pixel scale of the SOFI imaging instrument coupled with our deep observations significantly improves the quality of the images and hence the reliability of the photometric results – the high resolution of the SOFI instrument results in well resolved point sources which can then easily be subtracted.

3 PHOTOMETRY DATA ANALYSIS

The FP is the relationship between two photometric parameters (i.e. the effective radius, r_e , and the mean surface brightness within that radius, $\langle \mu_e \rangle$) and the central velocity dispersion. In this section we describe the methods adopted to determine r_e and $\langle \mu_e \rangle$. The Norma cluster is located close to the galactic plane where stellar contamination is severe and therefore special techniques were needed to reliably subtract the foreground stars.

3.1 Star subtraction

Star subtraction was performed using a script that employs various IRAF³ tasks mostly from the IRAF package DAOPHOT (Stetson 1987).

³ IRAF is the Image Reduction and Analysis Facility; written and supported by the IRAF programming group at the National Optical Astronomy Observatories which are operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation: <http://iraf.noao.edu/>.

² SOFI is the IR spectrograph and imaging camera on the ESO NTT, covering $0.9\text{--}2.5 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

Table 2. Velocity dispersions for the Norma cluster. The σ_1 , σ_2 and σ_3 columns refer to velocity dispersion measurements made with the three different fibre configuration, σ_c is the weighted average of the σ_1 , σ_2 and σ_3 measurements with the aperture correction (-0.0152 dex) and the run offset of $+0.0122$ dex applied.

Identification	RA (2000.0)	Dec. (2000.0)	σ_1	err ₁	σ_2	err ₂	σ_3	err ₃	$\log \sigma_c$	err _c
WKK 5920	16 07 52.618	−60 31 12.95	206.8	4.6					2.312	0.010
WKK 5972	16 09 16.053	−60 31 51.00	254.8	4.8			277.8	7.5	2.414	0.007
WKK 6012	16 10 12.103	−61 16 01.15	151.3	5.2			147.1	6.4	2.172	0.012
WKK 6019	16 10 17.131	−60 57 32.44	269.7	6.2	250.9	5.0			2.409	0.007
WKK 6047	16 10 58.873	−60 55 24.51	96.8	3.7			120.9	6.3	2.010	0.013
WKK 6116	16 12 11.560	−60 47 00.00	230.6	6.3			212.9	6.8	2.344	0.009
WKK 6180	16 13 32.141	−61 00 22.69	212.4	6.5	200.6	4.9			2.308	0.008
WKK 6183	16 13 32.930	−60 49 23.71	240.3	5.0					2.377	0.009
WKK 6198	16 13 54.073	−61 37 57.00	81.0	5.1			81.1	5.1	1.905	0.019
WKK 6204	16 13 56.206	−61 00 40.92	314.4	4.8			322.3	5.4	2.499	0.005
WKK 6221	16 14 02.807	−60 29 41.07	116.0	5.8	105.3	5.2			2.038	0.015
WKK 6229	16 14 10.410	−60 51 01.34	163.3	5.0					2.210	0.013
WKK 6233	16 14 18.007	−60 53 25.87	176.1	5.0					2.243	0.012
WKK 6235	16 14 22.561	−61 08 38.17					139.3	5.1	2.141	0.016
WKK 6242	16 14 30.538	−60 53 46.35			280.5	6.8	249.6	7.8	2.424	0.008
WKK 6250	16 14 45.228	−61 01 50.68	219.4	6.2	210.0	3.8			2.324	0.007
WKK 6269	16 15 03.833	−60 54 25.61	381.9	6.9					2.579	0.008
WKK 6282	16 15 15.440	−60 56 15.54	183.0	5.7			194.1	4.9	2.274	0.009
WKK 6305	16 15 32.922	−60 39 55.27	220.3	4.0	207.9	3.8			2.327	0.006
WKK 6318	16 15 50.163	−60 48 10.67	227.8	5.9					2.354	0.011
WKK 6342	16 16 18.929	−60 57 23.60	234.9	6.0	206.7	3.4			2.326	0.006
WKK 6360	16 16 36.915	−61 02 45.90	323.4	4.7	330.0	6.6	310.2	7.8	2.505	0.005
WKK 6383	16 17 00.358	−60 52 24.96	165.3	4.9			147.9	5.7	2.195	0.010
WKK 6431	16 17 57.345	−60 55 22.98	191.8	4.9			197.0	4.2	2.286	0.007
WKK 6473	16 18 41.300	−60 17 38.00	112.6	4.6			130.5	8.3	2.064	0.015
WKK 6477	16 18 48.612	−61 04 47.79	128.6	5.2					2.106	0.018
WKK 6555	16 20 15.031	−61 00 44.75	161.6	3.3			162.9	3.9	2.207	0.007
WKK 6600	16 21 06.095	−60 37 08.90	221.9	4.7			215.2	6.6	2.338	0.008
WKK 6620	16 21 26.857	−61 11 06.12	57.1	9.9			64.2	10.9	1.777	0.053
WKK 6615	16 21 26.940	−61 24 42.51			129.1	5.8			2.108	0.020
WKK 6679	16 22 34.872	−61 02 14.19	141.4	3.4			155.0	5.5	2.159	0.009

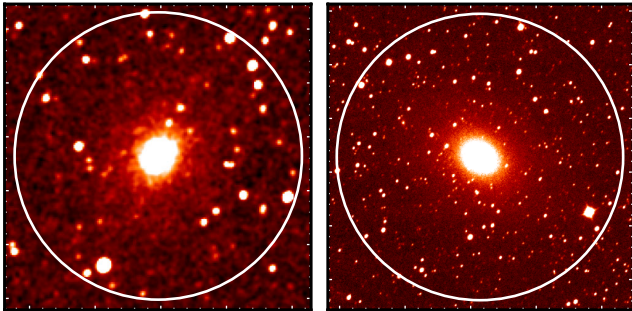


Figure 3. Images of one of the Norma cluster galaxies in our FP sample; WKK 6318, from 2MASS (left-hand panel) and ESO/NTT (right-hand panel).

Fig. 4 shows one of the images in our sample before and after star subtraction (left- and right-hand panel, respectively).

We have performed a thorough analysis to investigate the effect of our star-subtraction algorithm on our photometry for the Norma cluster. To quantify this effect, a simulation was performed using 12 ETGs from the Centaurus cluster. The choice of the Centaurus galaxies was motivated by the low stellar density. In the simulation, stars from a typical, randomly selected Norma field were added to the Centaurus galaxies. Photometric analysis was performed both

before adding and after subtracting the superimposed stars. We found a small correction with a mean value of $\Delta m = -0.0106 \pm 0.0003$ mag (see Fig. A1). We apply this value to correct the measured galaxy magnitudes for star-subtraction effects.

3.2 Sky background estimation

For accurate photometry, a reliable estimate of the sky background is crucial – overestimating the sky value results in galaxies appearing fainter than they are, and vice versa. We have determined the sky background within an annulus and measured the median sky value. The width of the annulus varied according to the initial estimate of the galaxy size, i.e. we approximated the galaxy size to be \sim three times the measured effective radius (r_e) and set the inner and outer radii to $3.5r_e$ and $6r_e$, respectively. In cases (only for the Coma 2MASS images) where the outer radius ($6r_e$) is greater than the image size, the outer radius was set to match the image size but excluded the pixels on the edges. To minimize the effect of unresolved stars and other major artefacts, we iteratively applied a $2\sigma_s$ clipping, where σ_s is the standard deviation in the sky background within the annulus used. This effectively narrows down the effect of outliers at both the lower- and higher ends of the pixel-value distribution. The resulting distribution is Gaussian in nature with the median sky value \approx mean sky value.

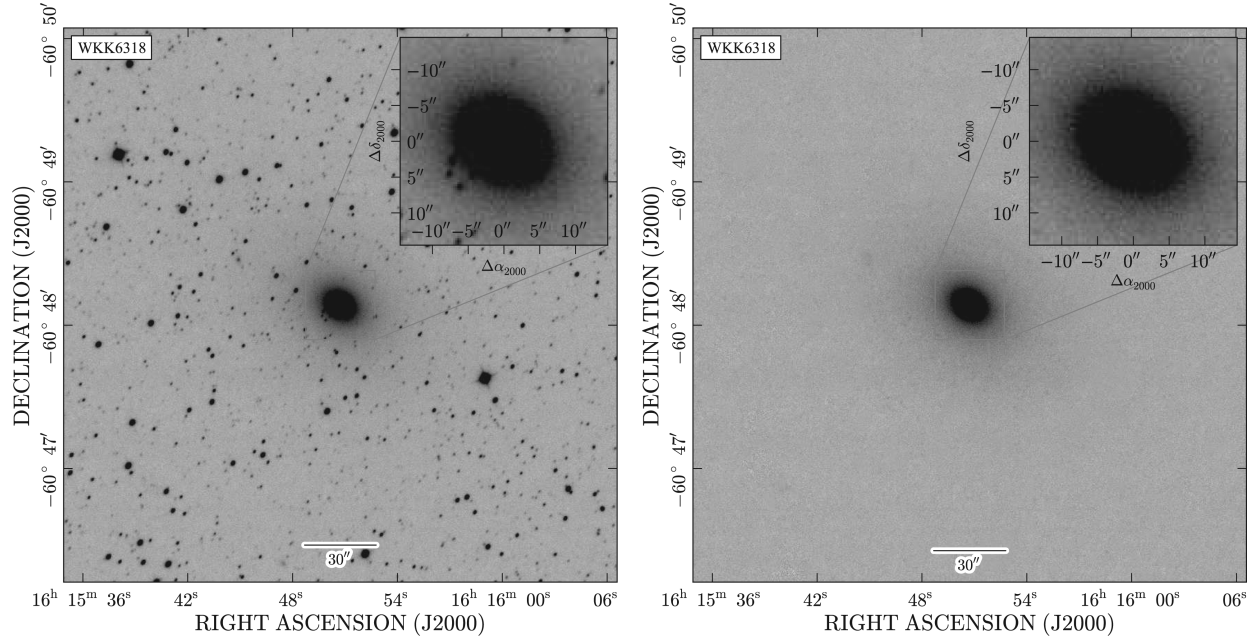


Figure 4. Star subtraction – WKK 6318. The left-hand panel shows the original image while the right-hand panel shows the corresponding image after star subtraction.

3.3 Determination of total magnitudes: surface brightness profile fitting

Galaxy surface brightness profiles are usually fitted using a simple Sérsic (Sérsic 1968) profile. In flux units, the single Sérsic component takes the form

$$I(r) = I_0 \exp \left[- \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right]. \quad (2)$$

I_0 refers to the central intensity, r_0 is the scaling radius, n is the Sérsic index, also known as the concentration or shape parameter. Special surface brightness profiles, where $n = 0.5$, $n = 1$ and $n = 4$ are referred to as Gaussian, exponential and de Vaucouleurs profiles, respectively. In units of magnitudes, equation (2) can be expressed in the form

$$\mu(r) = \mu(r_0) + 1.086 \left[\left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right], \quad (3)$$

where $\mu(r_0)$ is the central surface brightness in mag arcsec⁻² and $\mu_e \propto -2.5 \log I_e$.

In our photometric analysis, we have used the `ELLIPSE` task under the `STSDAS-ANALYSIS-ISOPHOTE` package in `IRAF`, to fit isophotes and derive galaxy surface brightness profiles. The resulting surface brightness profiles were then fitted using a combination of two Sérsic functions (see e.g. Huang et al. 2013) and the total flux was determined by extrapolation. The fitting method was applied to both Coma and Norma samples. Fig. 5 is an example of the fitted profiles, for Coma (top) and Norma (bottom). The red solid line represents the best fit (which is the sum of the two Sérsic components), which we extrapolate so as to determine the galaxy flux that would otherwise get lost within the background noise. The data used to fit the galaxy surface brightness profiles for the Norma sample were restricted for the radius ranging from twice the FWHM (indicated by the small dashed vertical lines on the extreme left) to where the galaxy flux is $1\sigma_s$ above the sky background (vertical dashed lines on the extreme right). FWHM and σ_s are the seeing and sky

background deviation for each image, respectively. For the Coma sample, we restricted the data to within an inner radius of 0.5 arcsec and an outer radius where the galaxy flux is $1\sigma_s$ above the sky background.

The total luminosity, L_{tot} , for a single Sérsic component, can be obtained by extrapolating the surface brightness profile to infinity. Within a given radius r_{max} , the luminosity $L_{r_{\text{max}}}$ is given by integrating the galaxy profile to the given radius:⁴

$$L_{\text{tot}} = \int_0^\infty 2\pi r I(r) dr = 2\pi I_0 n r_0^2 \Gamma(2n), \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{r_{\text{max}}} &= \int_0^{r_{\text{max}}} 2\pi r I(r) dr \\ &= 2\pi I_0 n r_0^2 \gamma \left[2n, \left(\frac{r_{\text{max}}}{r_0} \right)^{1/n} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $\Gamma(x)$ and $\gamma(s, x)$ are the complete and incomplete gamma functions, respectively. For a double Sérsic profile, the total luminosity for the galaxy is computed by combining the two components. To recover the galaxy flux in the outer parts that would otherwise get lost within the background noise, we apply

$$L_{\text{tot}} = L(r = r_{\text{max}}) + L(r_{\text{max}} < r < r_\infty). \quad (6)$$

3.4 Effective radius and PSF correction

The effective (half-light) radius for each galaxy was measured from the circle enclosing half the total flux through interpolation. This

⁴ For convenience, we have left out the factor $(1 - e)$, where e is the galaxy ellipticity, since it does not affect our final expression for the magnitude correction, dm . The full expression should be

$$L_{\text{tot}} = \int_0^\infty 2\pi(1 - e)rI(r)dr.$$

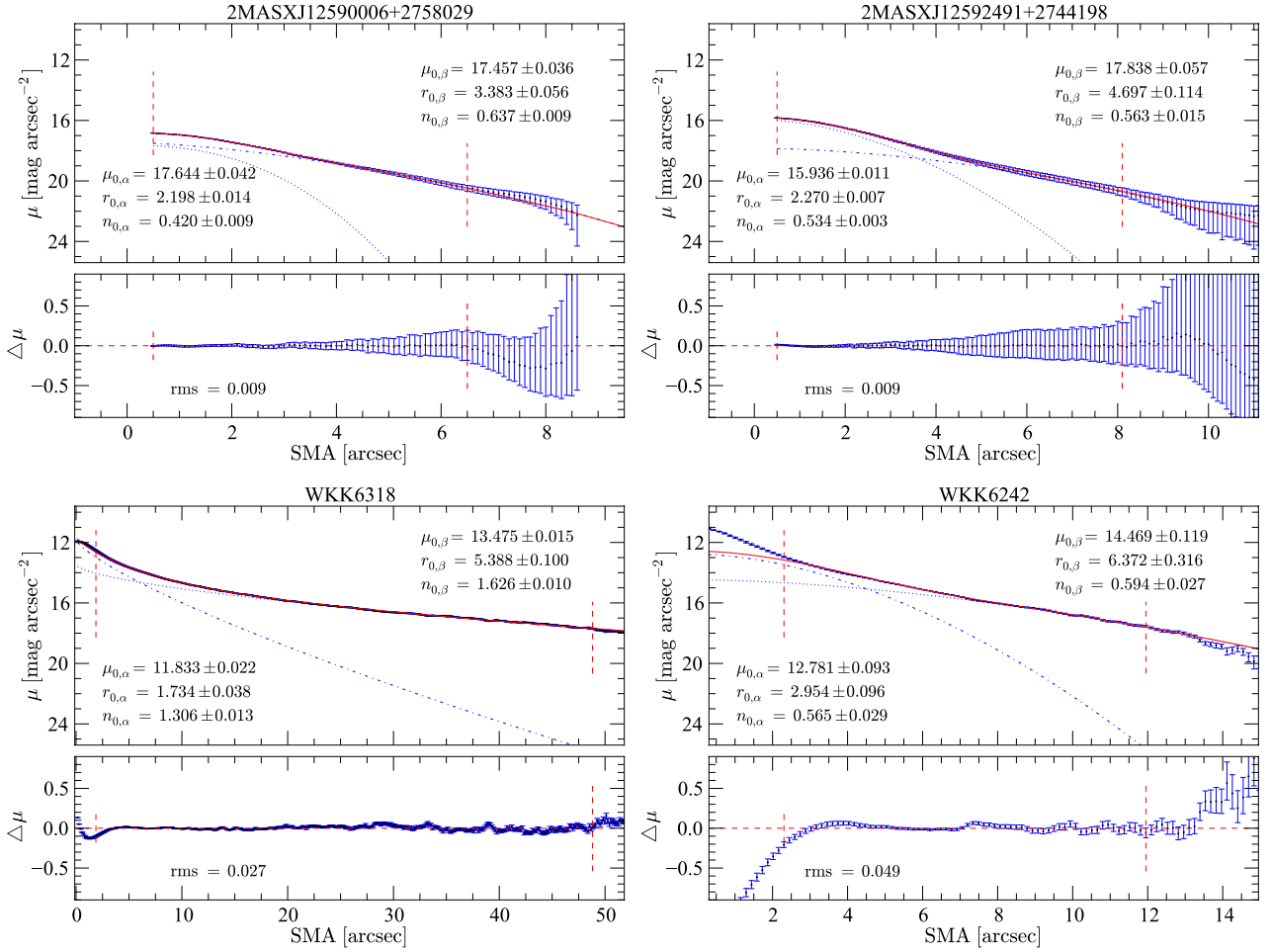


Figure 5. Double Sérsic component fits to the galaxy surface brightness profile for some of the Coma (top left- and right-hand panels) and the Norma (bottom left- and right-hand panels) cluster galaxies in our sample. The dotted and dot-dashed blue lines represent the individual Sérsic components while the red solid line represents the combined fit. The small dashed vertical line on the extreme left corresponds to a radius twice the seeing (FWHM) for Norma and an inner radius of 0.5 arcsec (for the Coma sample). The small dashed vertical line on the far right corresponds to the radius where the galaxy flux is approximately equal to the measured deviation in the sky background – these two small vertical lines represent the range of the data points used to fit the galaxy surface brightness profile. The subscripts α and β denote the fit parameters for the two separate Sérsic components which were used to simultaneously fit the galaxy surface brightness profiles. The best fit (solid red curve) is the combination of the two Sérsic components.

was then corrected for seeing effects using GALFIT (version 3.0.5; Peng et al. 2010) following the description in Magoulas et al. (2012), i.e. we used GALFIT to model the galaxy images with and without PSF convolution. The effective radii were measured from the resulting GALFIT models. The difference in the effective radius from the PSF convolved model ($r_{e,\text{psf}}$) and the model without PSF convolution ($r_{e,\text{nopsf}}$) is the seeing correction, i.e. $r_{e,\text{psf}} - r_{e,\text{nopsf}}$. This was subtracted from the effective radius measured from the original image. The effective surface brightness is computed from the seeing-corrected effective radius (circular) using

$$\langle \mu_e \rangle = m_{\text{tot}} + 2.5 \log(2\pi) + 5 \log r_e$$

where m_{tot} is the total extrapolated magnitude corrected for the star-subtraction and sky background effects.

3.5 Measurement errors and analysis

The errors on the effective radius and the total extrapolated magnitude (and hence $\langle \mu_e \rangle$) are correlated. For the Norma cluster sample, we modelled the errors in the photometric parameters using GALFIT. Using the GALFIT output parameters (total magnitude,

effective radius along semimajor axis, axial ratio, position angle, Sérsic index) of the galaxy, we created mock images corresponding to the respective GALFIT output parameters for each of the galaxies in our Norma cluster sample. Each of the mock galaxy models was convolved with the PSF image for the respective galaxy field before adding it to the different positions in the original galaxy image field (the data image) but avoiding the centre or the position of the original observed galaxy. Photometry was performed on each of the added fake galaxies and the output is compared with the input parameters. The difference between the simulated and true magnitude is negligible, with a median value of -0.008 mag. This indicates that our photometry is not significantly affected by sky gradients or faint unresolved stars in the field. By using the median value for each individual galaxy field, the measurement error on the total magnitude from the simulation is $\sim 0.02 \pm 0.01$ mag. In addition, we measured the magnitude error within an aperture whose size is four times the measured effective radius (taking into consideration the photometric zero-points error as well). The total error on the total extrapolated magnitude is the quadrature sum of the error obtained through the simulation and the aperture photometry error within the $4r_e$ apertures. The

measurement errors on the total magnitude for the 2MASS Coma cluster galaxies were determined following the description given in the 2MASS All-Sky Data Release Explanatory Supplement (see http://www.ipac.caltech.edu/2mass/releases/allsky/doc/sec6_8a.html). The error on the total magnitude was calculated using

$$\Delta\text{mag} = 1.087 \frac{[(S/g_{\text{av}}) + n(2k\sigma_s)^2 + (0.024n\sigma_s)^2]^{1/2}}{S}, \quad (7)$$

where $g_{\text{av}} = G \times N$ where $G = 10$ is the gain, $N = 6$ is the total number of co-added frames, S is the total flux, $k \approx 1.7$ is the Kernel smoothing factor, σ_s is the co-added noise and n is the total number of pixels within an aperture. We used a size of aperture equal to four times the effective radius, so that the aperture magnitude within that radius would be a good approximation to the measured galaxy total extrapolated magnitude.

For both Norma and Coma sample galaxies, we measured the corresponding error in the effective radius (arising from the error in the total magnitude), and applied simple propagation of errors to compute the error in the mean effective surface brightness.

An independent photometric analysis was performed on the Coma sample, where the effective radius for each galaxy was measured based on the galaxy's total extrapolated magnitude from the 2MASS Extended Source Catalogue (Jarrett et al. 2000; Skrutskie et al. 2006). There is a small offset (median value) of 0.014 ± 0.009 mag between these measurements and ours, with 2MASS magnitudes being brighter. The median difference in the X-component of the FP (i.e. $\log r_e - 0.32\langle\mu_e\rangle$), between our results and the independent measurements, is -0.005 ± 0.001 dex.

3.6 Photometric corrections to $\langle\mu_e\rangle$ and systematics

3.6.1 Galactic extinction corrections

The effect of galactic extinction can be corrected for using the Diffuse Infrared Background Experiment (DIRBE)/IRAS reddening maps of Schlegel, Finkbeiner & Davis (1998). It has been found, however, that the Schlegel et al. NIR reddening maps overestimate the extinction at low Galactic latitudes where they are uncalibrated – see e.g. Bonifacio, Monai & Beers (2000), Schröder et al. (2007) and Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011). For our analysis, we adopt the correction factor of 0.86 by Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) which is a modification of the Schlegel et al. maps. We used NED⁵ to extract the Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) extinctions in the Landolt B band and converted them to the K_s band using $A_{K_s} = 0.085 A_B$. The extinction values for the Norma sample range from 0.057 to 0.088 mag (see Table 3). The mean difference due to the modification is, on average, 0.011 mag, which corresponds to a Norma distance offset of 45 km s^{-1} .

3.6.2 Redshift and cosmological dimming corrections to $\langle\mu_e\rangle$

We applied a k -correction, $k_{K_s} = -3.83z + 21.9z^2$, as given by Pahre (1999). Various redshift corrections exist, e.g. Bell et al. (2003) give a k -correction of $-2.1z$. Applying this correction results in a magnitude difference of 0.02 and 0.03 mag for the Norma and Coma clusters, respectively. The corresponding distance offset for Norma is $\sim 33 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

⁵ The NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED) is operated by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, under contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Table 3. Corrections and systematic errors for the Norma ETGs. The extinction correction presented in this table is from Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) (refer to Section 3.6.1 for details).

(1)	Correction (2)	Error (3)	S/M (4)
Star subtraction (mag)	−0.0106	0.0003	M
Sky background (mag)	−0.008	0.020	M
Photometric calibration (mag)	–	0.025	S
σ -aperture correction (dex)	−0.015	–	M
σ -run offset (dex)	0.012	0.007	M
Malmquist bias (per cent)	0.587	–	S
Extinction correction (mag)	0.057–0.088	–	S
k -correction (mag)	0.042–0.071	–	S
Seeing correction (arcsec)	0.001–2.607	–	M
Cosmological dimming (mag)	0.051–0.091	–	S

Notes. Column (1) represents the different corrections applied to the spectroscopic and photometric measurements for the Norma sample. Column (2) is the mean value of the correction. Where the correction was applied to individual galaxies, the range is given. Column (3) is the error on the mean value. M and S given in column (4) refer to the type, i.e. measurement and systematic errors, respectively.

The cosmological dimming effect on the mean effective surface brightness, which is due to uniform expansion of space was corrected for, using the $(1+z)^4$ term – the cosmological dimming correction term is $-10\log(1+z)$. At the redshift distances of Norma and Coma, the mean corrections are 0.07 and 0.10 mag arcsec^{−2}, respectively.

3.7 Fundamental Plane data: $\log r_e$, $\langle\mu_e\rangle$ and $\log \sigma$

The FP relates the stellar properties (central velocity dispersion, σ), galaxy size (effective radius, r_e) and the mean galaxy surface brightness within the effective radius ($\langle\mu_e\rangle$) of ETGs, i.e.

$$\log r_e = a \log \sigma + b \langle\mu_e\rangle + c, \quad (8)$$

where a and b are the FP slopes, while c is the intercept (zero-point). The fully corrected mean effective surface brightness ($\langle\mu_e\rangle$) that is finally used in fitting the FP is

$$\langle\mu_e\rangle = m_{\text{tot}} + 2.5 \log(2\pi r_e^2) - A_{K_s} + k_{K_s} - 10 \log(1+z), \quad (9)$$

where m_{tot} is the measured total extrapolated apparent magnitude. Table 4 shows the results for the Norma cluster sample. Included in the table are the final variables (r_e , $\langle\mu_e\rangle$ and $\log \sigma$) used to fit the FP. A similar table for the Coma cluster sample is provided in Appendix A (refer to Table A1).

4 RELATIVE DISTANCE BETWEEN NORMA AND COMA

4.1 Fitting the Fundamental Plane

The FP relation (or the closely equivalent D_n – σ relation) has been widely used to determine the relative distances of ETGs and measure peculiar velocities (e.g. Lucey & Carter 1988; Lynden-Bell et al. 1988), SMAC (Hudson et al. 1999, 2004), ENEAR⁶ (da Costa et al.

⁶ Nearby Early-type Galaxies Survey.

Table 4. Norma cluster photometry results obtained by fitting and extrapolating the galaxy surface brightness profiles.

Identification (1)	Tot. mag (2)	r_e (3)	$\langle\mu_e\rangle$ (4)	A_{K_s} (5)	z_{helio} (6)	$\log \sigma$ (7)
WKK 5920	9.93 \pm 0.04	4.63 \pm 0.43	15.03 \pm 0.21	0.086	0.0159	2.312 \pm 0.012
WKK 5972	9.64 \pm 0.05	6.72 \pm 0.76	15.54 \pm 0.25	0.079	0.0185	2.414 \pm 0.010
WKK 6012	10.89 \pm 0.05	4.48 \pm 0.38	15.94 \pm 0.19	0.080	0.0146	2.172 \pm 0.014
WKK 6019	9.94 \pm 0.04	3.72 \pm 0.26	14.56 \pm 0.15	0.070	0.0186	2.409 \pm 0.010
WKK 6047	11.90 \pm 0.07	3.07 \pm 0.21	16.11 \pm 0.16	0.070	0.0180	2.010 \pm 0.015
WKK 6116	9.39 \pm 0.03	6.66 \pm 0.56	15.33 \pm 0.19	0.066	0.0129	2.344 \pm 0.012
WKK 6180	10.15 \pm 0.05	6.07 \pm 0.59	15.87 \pm 0.22	0.065	0.0153	2.308 \pm 0.011
WKK 6183	10.30 \pm 0.04	4.35 \pm 0.30	15.27 \pm 0.16	0.063	0.0198	2.377 \pm 0.012
WKK 6198	11.71 \pm 0.09	4.29 \pm 0.58	16.67 \pm 0.31	0.056	0.0158	1.905 \pm 0.020
WKK 6204	9.39 \pm 0.04	6.58 \pm 0.64	15.28 \pm 0.21	0.065	0.0154	2.499 \pm 0.009
WKK 6221	10.70 \pm 0.06	6.44 \pm 0.48	16.51 \pm 0.17	0.066	0.0195	2.038 \pm 0.017
WKK 6229	11.59 \pm 0.04	1.92 \pm 0.07	14.78 \pm 0.09	0.063	0.0177	2.210 \pm 0.015
WKK 6233	11.77 \pm 0.06	2.36 \pm 0.16	15.42 \pm 0.16	0.062	0.0171	2.243 \pm 0.014
WKK 6235	10.95 \pm 0.05	3.31 \pm 0.30	15.36 \pm 0.21	0.069	0.0135	2.141 \pm 0.018
WKK 6242	10.92 \pm 0.03	2.09 \pm 0.09	14.31 \pm 0.10	0.061	0.0175	2.424 \pm 0.011
WKK 6250	10.47 \pm 0.04	3.18 \pm 0.24	14.74 \pm 0.17	0.064	0.0206	2.324 \pm 0.010
WKK 6269	8.27 \pm 0.05	15.95 \pm 1.44	16.07 \pm 0.20	0.060	0.0182	2.579 \pm 0.011
WKK 6282	11.23 \pm 0.04	1.56 \pm 0.17	14.00 \pm 0.24	0.060	0.0165	2.274 \pm 0.012
WKK 6305	9.15 \pm 0.04	8.05 \pm 0.61	15.45 \pm 0.17	0.080	0.0165	2.327 \pm 0.009
WKK 6318	8.70 \pm 0.06	15.52 \pm 1.46	16.48 \pm 0.21	0.073	0.0114	2.354 \pm 0.013
WKK 6342	11.04 \pm 0.03	2.39 \pm 0.06	14.72 \pm 0.06	0.062	0.0162	2.326 \pm 0.009
WKK 6360	10.11 \pm 0.02	3.14 \pm 0.08	14.35 \pm 0.06	0.063	0.0208	2.505 \pm 0.009
WKK 6383	10.95 \pm 0.05	4.00 \pm 0.27	15.74 \pm 0.15	0.071	0.0185	2.195 \pm 0.012
WKK 6431	10.87 \pm 0.03	2.50 \pm 0.16	14.68 \pm 0.14	0.075	0.0118	2.286 \pm 0.010
WKK 6473	11.94 \pm 0.07	2.00 \pm 0.16	15.23 \pm 0.19	0.067	0.0186	2.064 \pm 0.017
WKK 6477	11.84 \pm 0.06	2.69 \pm 0.21	15.79 \pm 0.18	0.073	0.0135	2.106 \pm 0.019
WKK 6555	11.04 \pm 0.06	2.79 \pm 0.38	15.05 \pm 0.30	0.067	0.0165	2.207 \pm 0.010
WKK 6600	10.07 \pm 0.05	5.15 \pm 0.58	15.41 \pm 0.25	0.068	0.0168	2.338 \pm 0.011
WKK 6615	12.04 \pm 0.08	2.22 \pm 0.21	15.59 \pm 0.22	0.060	0.0139	2.108 \pm 0.021
WKK 6620	12.94 \pm 0.21	2.83 \pm 0.56	16.97 \pm 0.48	0.062	0.0208	1.777 \pm 0.054
WKK 6679	10.79 \pm 0.04	3.19 \pm 0.20	15.10 \pm 0.14	0.074	0.0155	2.159 \pm 0.012

Notes. The columns refer to (1) galaxy name, (2) the measured total extrapolated magnitude corrected for the star-subtraction and background effects, (3) effective radius in arcsec corrected for the seeing effect, (4) mean effective surface brightness in mag arcsec⁻², corrected for galactic extinction, redshift and the cosmological dimming effects, (5) galactic extinction from Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011): $A_{K_s} = 0.085 A_B$, (6) galaxy redshift (heliocentric), (7) central velocity dispersion in dex, with both aperture correction and run offset applied.

2000), EFAR⁷ (Colless et al. 2001) and 6dFGSv⁸ (Magoulas et al. 2012).

We have used the Coma cluster for calibration. To minimize the effect of sample selection biases and the effect of outliers, we fitted for the FP parameters by minimizing the absolute residuals along the $\log \sigma$ direction (Strauss & Willick 1995; Jorgensen, Franx & Kjaergaard 1996; La Barbera et al. 2010). Simultaneous least-squares fitting was used by constraining the FP parameters a and b to be the same for both Norma and Coma, while we allowed the FP intercepts to vary between the two clusters.

Our FP fit parameters are $a = 1.465 \pm 0.059$, $b = 0.326 \pm 0.020$, with an rms scatter of ~ 0.08 dex in $\log \sigma$. The zero-point offset is 0.154 ± 0.014 . Fig. 6 shows the projected FP. The Norma cluster which is represented by the red filled circles has been shifted to the Coma distance.

The error in individual galaxy distances is $\Delta_g = a \ln(10) \Delta_\sigma$. For cluster distances, the percentage error reduces according to the num-

ber of galaxies (N) in the sample, and is given by Δ_g/\sqrt{N} . However, one needs to correct for the effect of Malmquist bias. The homogeneous Malmquist bias increases with distance but also decreases with the number of galaxies in the sample. For a measured distance d , the distance corrected for the homogeneous Malmquist bias is given by $d \exp(3.5 \Delta_g^2/N)$ (Hudson et al. 1997). The correction is thus 0.59 per cent (~ 29 km s⁻¹ at the Norma distance).

4.2 The MIST algorithm

For comparison, we have fitted the FP using the Measurement errors and Intrinsic Scatter Three dimensional (MIST) algorithm kindly provided by La Barbera, Busarello & Capaccioli (2000). The MIST algorithm is a bisector least-squares fit, used to determine the FP parameters a , b and c . The statistical errors on the FP coefficients are computed through an inbuilt bootstrap analysis. For the MIST algorithm, we fitted the Coma FP (along $\log \sigma$ direction) and fixed the slopes a and b to determine the median value of the intercept, c_N for the Norma cluster. The FP zero-point offset measured using this method is 0.154 ± 0.019 .

⁷ Ellipticals FAR away.

⁸ Six-Degree Field Galaxy and Peculiar Velocity Survey.

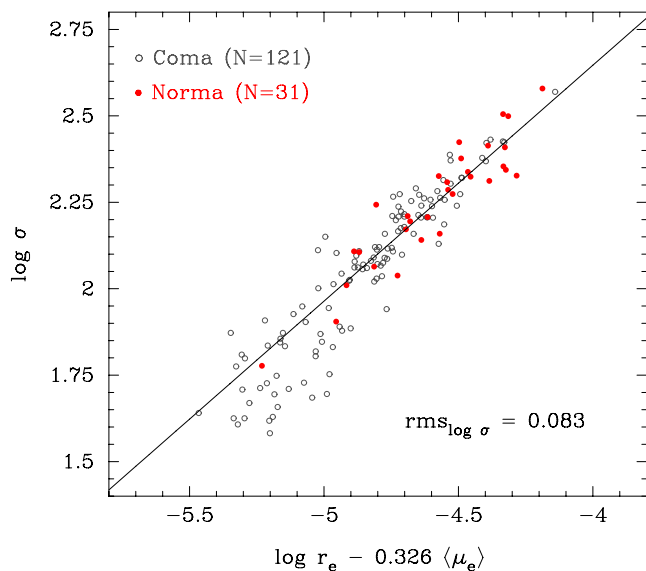


Figure 6. K_s -band FP projection, obtained by simultaneously minimizing absolute residuals along $\log \sigma$, for the Coma cluster (open circles) and the Norma cluster (red filled circles). The Norma cluster has been shifted by applying the FP offset so that it lies at the Coma distance.

While low velocity dispersion galaxies have larger measurement errors (see Fig. B1), we found no significant change in the derived Norma distance as a result of including these low velocity dispersion galaxies in our FP analysis. Through a bootstrap analysis (using the Coma ETGs), we analysed the change in the FP fit parameters with and without a magnitude cut. We applied a magnitude cut of 12.5 mag as this effectively excludes most of the Coma ETGs with $\log \sigma < 2$ (see Appendix B). The bootstrap results (FP fit parameters) are shown in Fig. B2.

4.3 Fixed metric aperture magnitudes: the modified Faber–Jackson relation

Relative distances can also be measured using the FJ relation (Faber & Jackson 1976) with galaxy magnitudes determined within a fixed metric radius (Lucey 1986). This approach bypasses the uncertainties that arise from the determination of total magnitudes and allows relative distances to be measured to a similar accuracy to the FP. We have applied this technique as an alternative way to determine the Norma–Coma relative distance.

To make the PSF corrections to the aperture photometry manageable, we adopt a metric radius of 2 kpc which corresponds, for our Coma cluster distance, to an aperture radius of 4.16 arcsec. GALFIT was used to determine the PSF-corrected aperture magnitudes for all galaxies in our Coma sample. For each galaxy in the Norma sample we determined a set of PSF-corrected aperture magnitudes that spanned a range of possible Norma cluster distances; if Norma has zero peculiar velocity then the 2 kpc radius corresponds to a size of 5.99 arcsec. Galactic extinction and k -corrections were applied.

A least-squares fit, minimizing in the $\log \sigma$ direction, was used to simultaneously determine the slope of the combined $L(r = 2 \text{ kpc})$ – σ relation and the relative Norma–Coma offset. A range of Norma–Coma offsets were considered and for each the appropriate aperture size (i.e. based on the assumed relative Norma–Coma distance) was used for the Norma photometry. The best-fit was taken to be where there was no systematic difference in the $L(r = 2 \text{ kpc})$ – σ relation between the two clusters and this corresponds to an offset

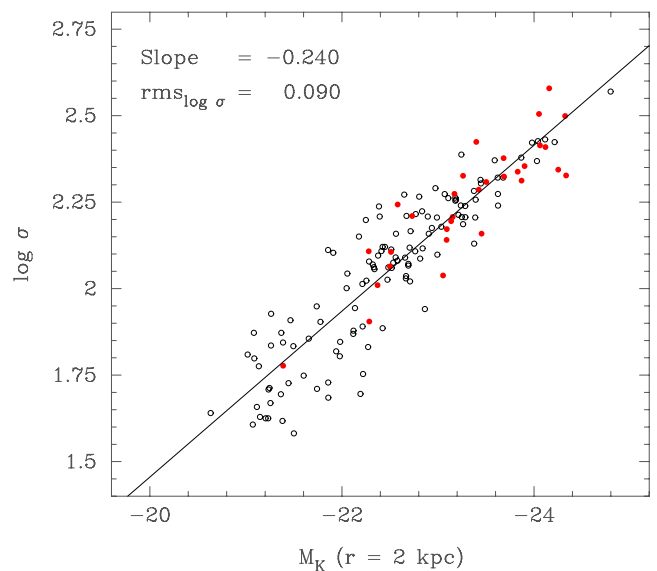


Figure 7. The FJ relation based on aperture photometry using an aperture radius equal to 2 kpc. The black open circles represent the Coma cluster, the red filled circles are from the Norma cluster.

of 0.159 ± 0.022 dex (see Fig. 7). This derived value is in very good agreement with that directly determined from the FP analysis.

5 THE DISTANCE AND PECULIAR VELOCITY OF THE NORMA CLUSTER

The measured Norma–Coma offsets derived from the three different methods presented in Section 4 are in excellent agreement, i.e. 0.154 ± 0.014 , 0.154 ± 0.019 and 0.159 ± 0.022 . For our following analysis we adopt the offset from the simultaneous least-squares fit which has the smallest measurement error. This offset is directly related to the difference in the angular diameter distances (D_A) of the two clusters, i.e.

$$\log D_A(\text{Coma}) - \log D_A(\text{Norma}) = 0.154 \pm 0.014. \quad (10)$$

In our analysis we assume that the Coma cluster has zero peculiar velocity and hence Coma’s Hubble flow redshift, z_H , is equal to the observed redshift in the local CMB rest frame, z_{CMB} . For our adopted cosmology and a Coma CMB redshift (z_{CMB}) of 0.02400 ± 0.00016 then $\log D_A(\text{Coma}) = 1.996 \pm 0.003$ where the angular diameter distance is given in Mpc. Hence we find $\log D_A(\text{Norma}) = 1.842 \pm 0.014$ which implies a Hubble flow redshift for Norma (z_H) of 0.01667 ± 0.00055 .

We derived Norma’s peculiar velocity redshift, z_{PEC} , via

$$(1 + z_{\text{CMB}}) = (1 + z_H)(1 + z_{\text{PEC}})$$

(Harrison 1974). Norma’s redshift in the local CMB rest frame, z_{CMB} , is 0.01652 ± 0.00018 . Hence we derived a value for Norma’s peculiar velocity of $-43 \pm 170 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Adding in the homogeneous Malmquist bias correction (see Section 4.1) lowers this value to -72 km s^{-1} . Hence, we find that the Norma cluster has a small and insignificant peculiar velocity of $-72 \pm 170 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

All-sky galaxy redshift surveys map the local cosmography and allow reconstructions of the density field (and the peculiar velocity field) to be made. The reconstruction of the IRAS PSCz (Saunders et al. 2000) by Branchini et al. (1999) provides a data cube of the predicted peculiar velocity components v_x , v_y and v_z at grid positions x , y , z . Lavaux et al. (2010)’s predictions derived from the 2MRS

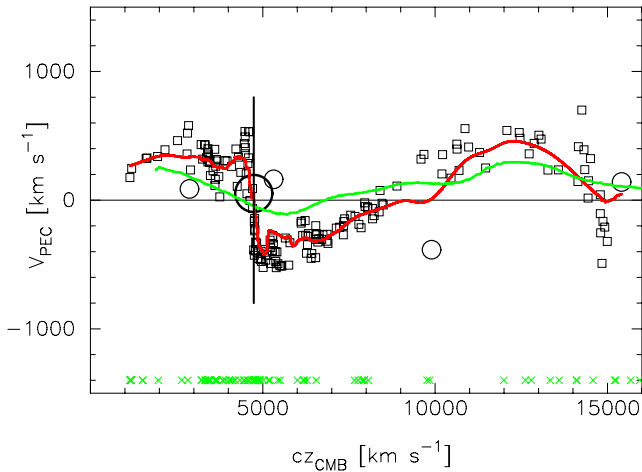


Figure 8. Model predictions for the peculiar velocity in the Norma cluster direction. The green and red curves represent PSCz and 2MRS predictions, respectively. The crosses shown at the bottom of each panel show the redshifts of the PSCz galaxies in the cone. The black squares show the 2MRS predictions. The squares are non-grouped galaxies while the circles represent groups with the size of the circle reflecting the number of galaxies in the group. Norma is the large bold circle.

(Huchra et al. 2012) are available at the Extragalactic Distance Database⁹ (Tully et al. 2009). We have used these two reconstructions to estimate the peculiar velocity in the Norma line-of-sight direction (see Fig. 8). The PSCz reconstruction underestimates the peculiar velocities as compared to the 2MRS reconstruction possibly due to the former being less sensitive to galaxy clusters (Branchini, private communication). Both these studies predict a small peculiar velocity for Norma, i.e. less than $\pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, which is in good agreement with our measurement of $-72 \pm 170 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

In Table 3, we presented a summary of possible sources of measurement and systematic errors and the applied corrections. We found through simulations that the effect of star subtraction is very small, $\sim 0.011 \text{ mag}$ which translates into a distance offset of $\sim 44 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The systematic effects arising from possible gradients in the sky background and non-resolved stars are very small, i.e. $\sim 32 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. For extinction corrections, the correction factor ranges from 70 to 90 per cent (e.g. Bonifacio, Monai & Beers 2000; Schröder et al. 2007; Yasuda, Fukugita & Schneider 2007; Schlafly & Finkbeiner 2011) which implies an uncertainty in distance in the range of -63 to 16 km s^{-1} . Note also that a $\pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ peculiar velocity for Coma would change our value for Norma by $\pm 69 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

6 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The GA is now widely identified as the Hydra–Cen–Norma supercluster (Courtois et al. 2012; Shaya & Tully 2013; Tully et al. 2013). Since the original discovery of the large positive peculiar velocities in the Hydra–Centaurus region (Lynden-Bell et al. 1988), new measurements, particularly for clusters, in the general GA region have been made. In Table 5 we summarize the results from the FP-based SMAC and ENEARc surveys, the Tully–Fisher SFI++ survey and our Norma measurement. Although the typical measurement errors are between 150 and 400 km s^{-1} , most GA clusters are

observed to have positive peculiar velocities with an ‘average’ value of $\sim +300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

Our peculiar velocity measurement of $-72 \pm 170 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the Norma cluster is lower than most values found for other GA clusters and hence may indicate that Norma lies close to the GA’s ‘core’. The uncertainties on the cluster peculiar velocities listed in Table 5 are sufficiently large that we cannot currently determine whether or not Norma partakes in the general GA outflow. However there is strong independent support for the GA outflow from the Type Ia supernovae data (see Lucey, Radburn-Smith & Hudson 2005) and many studies (e.g. Hudson et al. 1999) have attributed a major part of this large scale outflow to the Shapley Supercluster that lies $\sim 10\,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ more distant in this general direction. Bolejko & Hellaby (2008) estimate that Shapley can cause the GA to have a net peculiar velocity of $\sim +80 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

While our knowledge of the local cosmography in the GA direction has improved considerably from galaxy redshift surveys that probe close to the galactic plane (Radburn-Smith et al. 2006; Jones et al. 2009; Huchra et al. 2012), there are still aspects that are incomplete and some important clusters/groups belonging to the GA may still remain hidden. An example is the discovery of CIZA J1324.7–5736 (Ebeling, Mullis & Tully 2002), the second richest cluster in the GA region (Nagayama et al. 2006). Dedicated surveys are now underway to map larger swaths of the local universe veiled by the Milky Way, including ground-based NIR surveys (see e.g. Kraan-Korteweg et al. 2011), and in the mid-IR using *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer* (WISE; Jarrett et al. 2013; Bilicki et al. 2014) and in the radio by targeting neutral hydrogen, notably with H I Parkes All-Sky Survey (HIPASS) and H I Zone of Avoidance (HIZOA; Henning et al. 1999, 2000; Kraan-Korteweg, Henning & Andemach 2000; Schröder, Kraan-Korteweg & Henning 2009). Judicious application of the mid-IR Tully–Fisher relation is now being considered to study the peculiar motions of gas-rich galaxies in massive structures that inhabit or cross the ZOA (Sorce, Courtois & Tully 2012; Lagattuta et al. 2013; Said 2013). And our study of Norma has demonstrated that, despite the challenges of the large galactic extinction and severe stellar contamination, FP distances can be derived reliably for ETGs that lie relatively close to the galactic plane. The exploitation of such techniques will be essential to gain a more complete understanding of the GA and other important large-scale structures that comprise the hidden cosmic web.

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⁹ <http://edd.ifa.hawaii.edu/dfirst.php>

Table 5. Peculiar velocities of clusters/groups in the GA region. N_ϕ is the angle on the sky between the cluster and Norma. SMAC measurements from Hudson et al. (2004), SFI++ measurements from Springob et al. (2007) and ENEARc measurements from Bernardi et al. (2002).

Cluster	ℓ ($^\circ$)	b ($^\circ$)	N_ϕ ($^\circ$)	cz_{CMB} (km s^{-1})	N	v_{PEC} (km s^{-1})	Source
A1060 (Hydra)	270	26	62	4055	26	$+254 \pm 223$	SMAC
					39	-47 ± 168	ENEARc
					21	-422 ± 169	SFI++
AS636 (Antlia)	272	19	58	3129	17	$+292 \pm 102$	SFI++
AS639	281	11	47	6526	6	$+1615 \pm 453$	ENEARc
N3557 group	282	21	50	3318	7	$+281 \pm 160$	SFI++
A3526A (Cen 30)	302	22	37	3300	27	$+351 \pm 136$	SMAC
					21	$+500 \pm 153$	ENEARc
					23	$+260 \pm 124$	SFI++
AS714	303	36	47	3576	7	$+559 \pm 245$	ENEARc
A3537	305	31	43	5370	4	$+482 \pm 560$	SMAC
CIZA J1324.7–5736	308	5	21	5899			
E508 group	309	39	48	3310	9	$+382 \pm 122$	SFI++
A3574 (K27)	317	31	39	4881	8	$+487 \pm 351$	SMAC
					10	$+479 \pm 310$	ENEARc
					13	-199 ± 210	SFI++
AS753	319	26	34	4431	14	$+376 \pm 282$	SMAC
					18	$+812 \pm 204$	ENEARc
A3581	323	33	40	6714	8	$+131 \pm 533$	SMAC
A3627 (Norma)	325	−7	0	4954	31	−72 ± 170	This study
AS761	326	32	39	7076	11	$+332 \pm 483$	SMAC
AS805 (Pavo II)	332	−23	17	4266	9	$+293 \pm 326$	SMAC
					12	-18 ± 268	ENEARc
					8	$+304 \pm 147$	SFI++
Pavo I group	334	−36	30	4055	16	$+473 \pm 191$	SFI++

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APPENDIX A: PHOTOMETRIC ANALYSIS

Table A1 represents the ETGs in the Coma sample. No corrections have been applied to the total magnitudes presented in the table.

A1 Photometric analysis: star subtraction

Fig. A1 shows the simulation results, used to analyse the effect of star subtraction on the photometric results of Norma ETGs. We used 12 Centaurus galaxies in the simulation. The top panels represent the original Centaurus image (left), the original image superimposed with stars from a typical Norma field (middle) and the star-subtracted image (right). The bottom panel represents the photometric results (aperture photometry). The y-axis is the average difference in the aperture magnitude per aperture radius over 12 Centaurus images, before and after adding and subtracting the added stars. The average difference as indicated by the red dashed line in Fig. A1 is -0.0106 ± 0.0003 mag. The scatter is only $\sigma = 0.0006$.

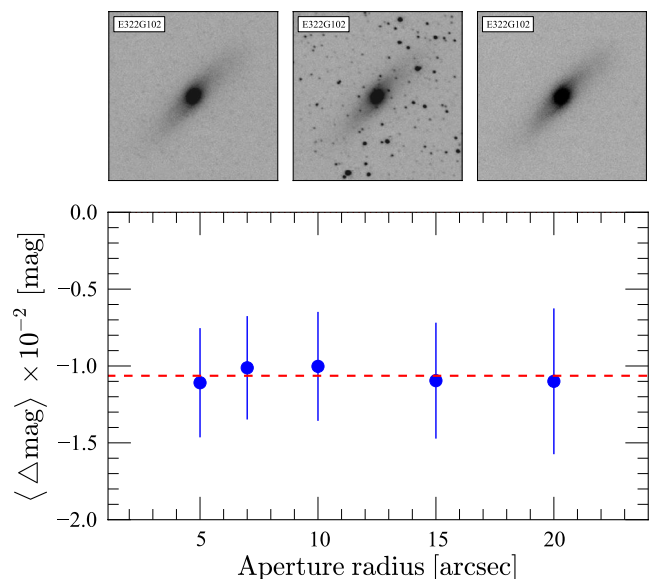


Figure A1. The effect of star subtraction, a comparison through aperture photometry. The average correction due to star-subtraction effect is $\Delta m = -0.0106 \pm 0.0003$ mag.

Table A1. Coma cluster photometry results from fitting and extrapolating the galaxy surface brightness profiles.

Identification (1)	Tot. mag (2)	r_e (3)	$\langle\mu_e\rangle$ (4)	z_{helio} (5)	$\log \sigma$ (6)
2MASX J13023273+2717443	13.48 \pm 0.15	3.23 \pm 0.59	17.83 \pm 0.42	0.0254	1.709 \pm 0.055
2MASX J13020552+2717499	13.51 \pm 0.14	2.21 \pm 0.52	17.04 \pm 0.53	0.0243	1.836 \pm 0.033
2MASX J13000623+2718022	12.82 \pm 0.07	4.46 \pm 0.46	17.86 \pm 0.23	0.0263	1.748 \pm 0.038
2MASX J12593730+2720097	14.27 \pm 0.24	2.29 \pm 0.58	17.89 \pm 0.60	0.0233	1.640 \pm 0.076
2MASX J13010615+2723522	13.83 \pm 0.17	2.15 \pm 0.41	17.28 \pm 0.45	0.0271	1.809 \pm 0.041
2MASX J12564777+2725158	13.48 \pm 0.12	2.24 \pm 0.27	17.03 \pm 0.29	0.0259	1.618 \pm 0.042
2MASX J12583209+2727227	12.57 \pm 0.05	1.87 \pm 0.20	15.74 \pm 0.23	0.0234	2.056 \pm 0.014
2MASX J12573614+2729058	12.15 \pm 0.04	2.05 \pm 0.04	15.52 \pm 0.06	0.0241	2.210 \pm 0.009
2MASX J12570940+2727587	11.16 \pm 0.02	3.02 \pm 0.02	15.37 \pm 0.02	0.0249	2.304 \pm 0.008
2MASX J13002689+2730556	12.52 \pm 0.05	2.40 \pm 0.21	16.21 \pm 0.20	0.0260	2.023 \pm 0.014
2MASX J12580974+2732585	13.28 \pm 0.10	2.95 \pm 0.27	17.45 \pm 0.22	0.0233	1.727 \pm 0.042
2MASX J12573584+2729358	10.90 \pm 0.02	3.57 \pm 0.02	15.47 \pm 0.02	0.0244	2.321 \pm 0.009
2MASX J12572435+2729517	9.07 \pm 0.00	21.19 \pm 0.20	17.51 \pm 0.02	0.0245	2.431 \pm 0.008
2MASX J12570431+2731328	13.63 \pm 0.15	3.17 \pm 0.49	17.92 \pm 0.37	0.0277	1.872 \pm 0.041
2MASX J12563418+2732200	11.61 \pm 0.03	3.59 \pm 0.07	16.20 \pm 0.05	0.0237	2.208 \pm 0.009
2MASX J13014841+2736147	12.82 \pm 0.07	2.41 \pm 0.14	16.51 \pm 0.15	0.0275	1.846 \pm 0.022
2MASX J13011224+2736162	12.53 \pm 0.05	4.37 \pm 0.31	17.53 \pm 0.16	0.0252	1.729 \pm 0.039
2MASX J13001914+2733135	11.79 \pm 0.03	3.90 \pm 0.24	16.59 \pm 0.14	0.0196	2.030 \pm 0.013
2MASX J12585812+2735409	12.06 \pm 0.04	2.12 \pm 0.10	15.53 \pm 0.11	0.0200	2.166 \pm 0.011
2MASX J12573284+2736368	10.62 \pm 0.01	3.76 \pm 0.09	15.33 \pm 0.05	0.0201	2.379 \pm 0.008
2MASX J13020106+2739109	12.70 \pm 0.07	3.02 \pm 0.24	16.91 \pm 0.19	0.0236	1.805 \pm 0.026
2MASX J13015375+2737277	10.05 \pm 0.01	5.49 \pm 0.07	15.54 \pm 0.03	0.0262	2.423 \pm 0.008
2MASX J12591030+2737119	12.34 \pm 0.05	2.75 \pm 0.25	16.38 \pm 0.20	0.0191	2.078 \pm 0.014
2MASX J12571682+2737068	12.48 \pm 0.05	1.18 \pm 0.33	14.64 \pm 0.61	0.0242	2.208 \pm 0.009
2MASX J12594713+2742372	11.14 \pm 0.02	3.66 \pm 0.04	15.74 \pm 0.03	0.0280	2.130 \pm 0.010
2MASX J12584742+2740288	11.07 \pm 0.02	6.77 \pm 0.11	17.00 \pm 0.04	0.0280	2.273 \pm 0.009
2MASX J12583157+2740247	12.90 \pm 0.07	1.80 \pm 0.15	15.99 \pm 0.20	0.0231	2.104 \pm 0.012
2MASX J12563420+2741150	13.82 \pm 0.21	2.09 \pm 0.53	17.24 \pm 0.59	0.0229	1.798 \pm 0.029
2MASX J13000626+2746332	11.98 \pm 0.04	4.21 \pm 0.15	16.94 \pm 0.09	0.0206	2.061 \pm 0.013
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2MASX J12581922+2745437	13.48 \pm 0.13	1.86 \pm 0.40	16.68 \pm 0.49	0.0182	1.872 \pm 0.031
2MASX J12574616+2745254	12.15 \pm 0.04	5.02 \pm 0.34	17.49 \pm 0.15	0.0204	1.696 \pm 0.042
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2MASX J12572169+2752498	12.92 \pm 0.09	2.44 \pm 0.30	16.66 \pm 0.28	0.0248	1.685 \pm 0.037
2MASX J13004285+2757476	12.11 \pm 0.04	3.05 \pm 0.22	16.31 \pm 0.17	0.0281	2.060 \pm 0.012
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2MASX J12594438+2754447	11.25 \pm 0.02	3.74 \pm 0.09	15.93 \pm 0.06	0.0224	2.207 \pm 0.009
2MASX J12594234+2755287	12.53 \pm 0.05	1.20 \pm 0.15	14.74 \pm 0.27	0.0230	2.238 \pm 0.011

Table A1 – *continued*

Identification (1)	Tot. mag (2)	r_e (3)	$\langle\mu_e\rangle$ (4)	z_{helio} (5)	$\log \sigma$ (6)
2MASX J12594423+2757307	12.68 ± 0.07	3.10 ± 0.25	16.95 ± 0.19	0.0230	1.819 ± 0.025
2MASX J12593570+2757338	8.98 ± 0.00	20.02 ± 0.12	17.30 ± 0.01	0.0239	2.426 ± 0.009
2MASX J12590414+2757329	12.98 ± 0.11	2.10 ± 0.32	16.40 ± 0.35	0.0235	2.112 ± 0.014
2MASX J12565310+2755458	12.26 ± 0.04	1.25 ± 0.01	14.59 ± 0.05	0.0204	2.272 ± 0.009
2MASX J12562984+2756240	11.70 ± 0.03	3.47 ± 0.15	16.23 ± 0.10	0.0221	2.266 ± 0.009
2MASX J13012713+2759566	12.60 ± 0.05	1.15 ± 0.16	14.70 ± 0.31	0.0255	2.198 ± 0.010
2MASX J13005445+2800271	10.46 ± 0.01	6.97 ± 0.18	16.54 ± 0.06	0.0166	2.371 ± 0.009
2MASX J13003877+2800516	11.97 ± 0.03	4.58 ± 0.16	17.07 ± 0.08	0.0254	2.026 ± 0.014
2MASX J13000809+2758372	8.51 ± 0.00	17.27 ± 0.06	16.52 ± 0.01	0.0215	2.570 ± 0.008
2MASX J13000643+2800142	12.02 ± 0.04	3.22 ± 0.23	16.37 ± 0.16	0.0242	2.081 ± 0.013
2MASX J12594681+2758252	11.53 ± 0.02	4.60 ± 0.11	16.60 ± 0.05	0.0314	2.116 ± 0.012
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2MASX J13000803+2804422	11.57 ± 0.02	2.13 ± 0.07	15.02 ± 0.08	0.0241	2.263 ± 0.008
2MASX J12595601+2802052	11.04 ± 0.02	4.85 ± 0.15	16.25 ± 0.07	0.0272	2.206 ± 0.010
2MASX J12593141+2802478	11.86 ± 0.04	2.88 ± 0.13	15.98 ± 0.10	0.0231	2.108 ± 0.011
2MASX J12591389+2804349	12.11 ± 0.05	5.36 ± 0.26	17.55 ± 0.12	0.0260	2.150 ± 0.014
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2MASX J12563890+2804518	13.17 ± 0.11	4.55 ± 0.61	18.25 ± 0.31	0.0270	1.625 ± 0.062
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2MASX J12590392+2807249	10.35 ± 0.01	4.90 ± 0.12	15.59 ± 0.05	0.0265	2.422 ± 0.008
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2MASX J12581382+2810576	12.13 ± 0.05	5.57 ± 0.30	17.68 ± 0.12	0.0240	1.869 ± 0.019
2MASX J12574866+2810494	11.69 ± 0.03	2.65 ± 0.22	15.62 ± 0.18	0.0241	2.159 ± 0.011
2MASX J12572841+2810348	11.69 ± 0.03	4.54 ± 0.14	16.76 ± 0.07	0.0272	2.021 ± 0.015
2MASX J12563516+2816318	12.03 ± 0.04	3.04 ± 0.20	16.26 ± 0.15	0.0243	2.090 ± 0.013
2MASX J12592611+2817148	13.58 ± 0.12	1.86 ± 0.35	16.72 ± 0.42	0.0267	1.695 ± 0.039
2MASX J12584394+2816578	13.78 ± 0.17	1.49 ± 0.36	16.45 ± 0.55	0.0254	1.629 ± 0.046
2MASX J12582949+2818047	13.29 ± 0.12	2.44 ± 0.50	17.06 ± 0.46	0.0197	1.844 ± 0.027
2MASX J13024079+2822163	11.45 ± 0.03	5.14 ± 0.24	16.81 ± 0.11	0.0247	1.941 ± 0.020
2MASX J13021434+2821099	12.62 ± 0.08	5.40 ± 0.56	18.06 ± 0.24	0.0288	1.855 ± 0.032
2MASX J13020865+2823139	11.01 ± 0.02	5.61 ± 0.17	16.56 ± 0.07	0.0253	2.213 ± 0.020
2MASX J13010904+2821352	12.51 ± 0.05	2.65 ± 0.39	16.44 ± 0.33	0.0230	1.879 ± 0.018
2MASX J13005207+2821581	10.80 ± 0.01	4.27 ± 0.10	15.75 ± 0.05	0.0255	2.240 ± 0.010
2MASX J13004423+2820146	11.78 ± 0.03	2.82 ± 0.20	15.82 ± 0.16	0.0264	2.098 ± 0.010
2MASX J13003074+2820466	10.78 ± 0.01	6.03 ± 0.15	16.52 ± 0.06	0.0199	2.205 ± 0.009
2MASX J13023199+2826223	13.44 ± 0.16	3.70 ± 0.76	18.12 ± 0.48	0.0199	1.776 ± 0.064
2MASX J12575392+2829594	12.46 ± 0.06	1.69 ± 0.21	15.42 ± 0.28	0.0244	2.121 ± 0.012
2MASX J12593568+2833047	12.25 ± 0.04	2.26 ± 0.11	15.82 ± 0.11	0.0253	2.113 ± 0.012
2MASX J12565652+2837238	11.97 ± 0.03	2.95 ± 0.16	16.14 ± 0.13	0.0219	2.036 ± 0.013

Notes. The columns refer to (1) 2MASS galaxy name, (2) the measured total extrapolated magnitude, (3) effective radius in arcsec corrected for the seeing effect, (4) mean effective surface brightness in mag arcsec^{−2}, corrected for galactic extinction, redshift and the cosmological dimming effects, (5) galaxy redshift (heliocentric), (6) central velocity dispersion (in dex) – aperture corrections have been applied.

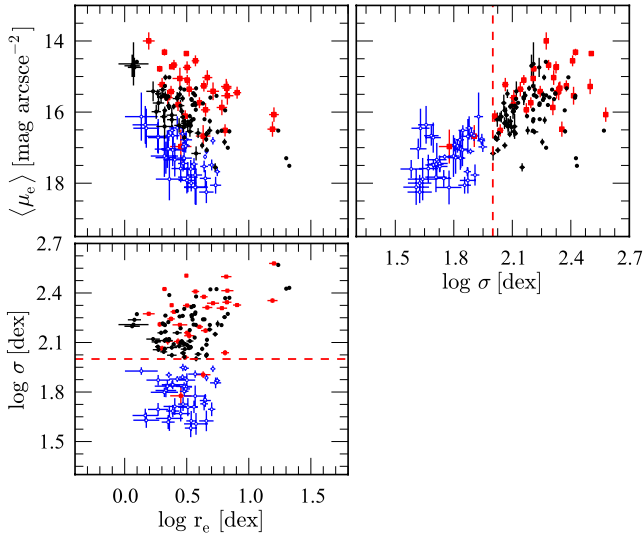


Figure B1. FP projections: the top left-hand panel shows the Kormendy relation. The galaxies in the Norma cluster sample are represented by the red filled squares. The Coma ETGs have been subdivided into two: ETGs with central velocity dispersions less than 100 km s^{-1} are represented by the blue open circles, while the black filled circles represent Coma ETGs with $\log \sigma \geq 2$.

APPENDIX B: DISTRIBUTION OF FP FIT PARAMETERS

B1 FP projections

Fig. B1 shows different FP projections showing the distribution of the ETGs in Norma (red filled squares) and Coma cluster (in

blue open and black filled circles). The blue open circles represent Coma cluster ETGs with $\log \sigma < 2$ while the black filled circles represent Coma cluster ETGs with $\log \sigma \geq 2$. The vertical and horizontal dashed red lines represent $\log \sigma = 2$, only two galaxies in the Norma sample have $\log \sigma < 2$. On the other hand, there are 42 Coma ETGs with $\log \sigma < 2$ and 79 ETGs with $\log \sigma \geq 2$.

Using the MIST algorithm, we checked the consistency of the FP fit parameters obtained by regressing along the $\log \sigma$ direction. By re-sampling the Coma cluster (with replacement) 10 000 times, we analysed the distribution of the FP parameters a , b and c . Fig. B2 (left-hand panels) shows the bootstrap results when all the 121 Coma ETGs were used while Fig. B2 (right-hand panels) shows the results for only Coma ETGs brighter than 12.5 mag ($N = 78$, only 9 per cent of these have $\log \sigma < 2$). The FP fit parameters in either case are consistent with each other. The red solid curve is a Gaussian fit to the data. The mean value from the Gaussian fit of each of the FP parameters is indicated at the top part in each panel. The difference between the FP parameter from the original Coma data and that from the fitted distribution through bootstrap is also indicated (as Δa , Δb and Δc). The blue curve shows the small shift in the Gaussian fit due to this difference, i.e. Δa , Δb and Δc . The magnitude cut of 12.5 mag was motivated by the fact that it includes majority of Coma ETGs with $\log \sigma > 2$, thus making it possible to determine the effect (possible bias) of including ETGs with central velocity dispersions less than 100 km s^{-1} , on the measured Norma distance. We found the zero-point offset to remain unchanged with and without the magnitude cut, i.e. the small shift Δc in Fig. B2 (slightly larger in the left-hand panels than the right-hand panels) is accompanied by small changes in the FP fit parameters Δa and Δb , which in turn affect the FP intercept of the Norma cluster, thereby leaving no significant changes in the zero-point offset.

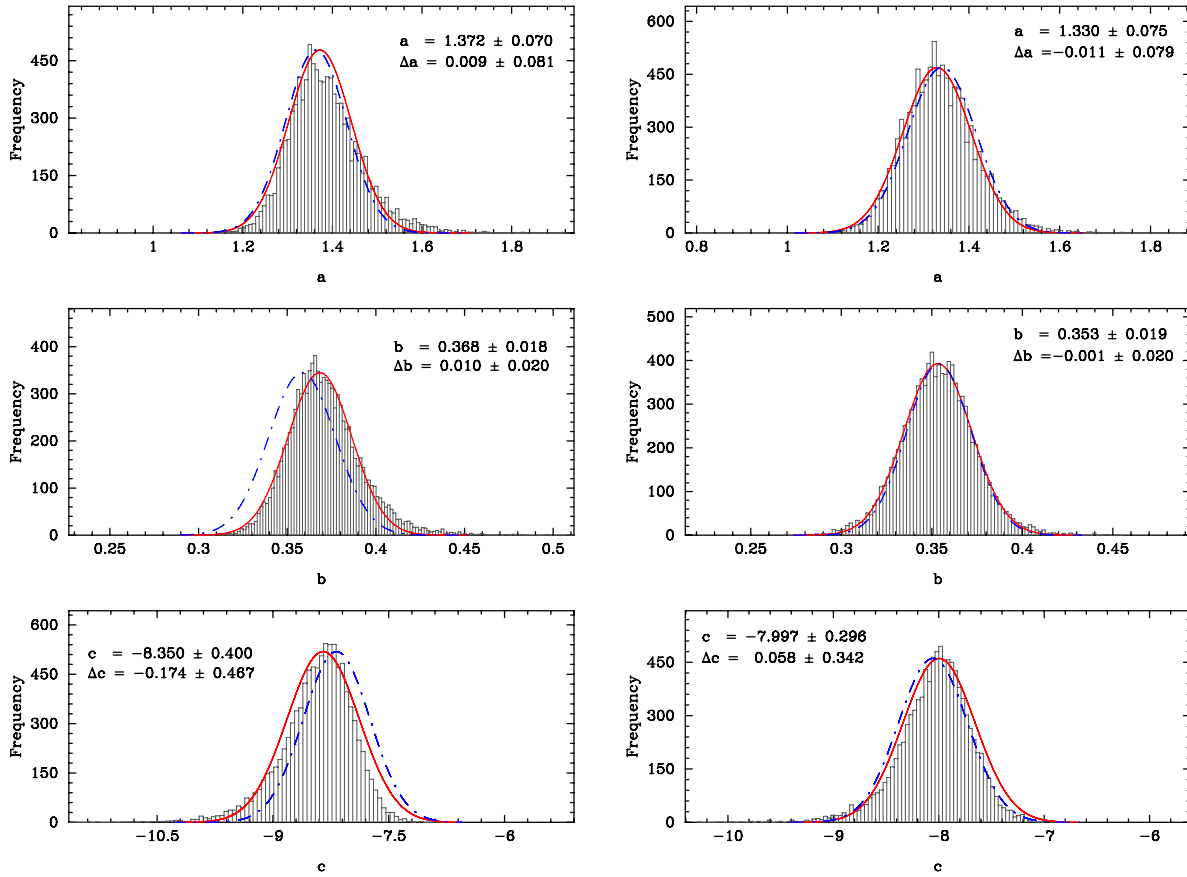


Figure B2. The distribution of the FP fit parameters through bootstrap re-sampling, using the MIST algorithm by minimizing along the $\log \sigma$ direction. The Coma cluster galaxies were randomly selected, with replacement 10 000 times. The left-hand panels represent results when all the Coma ETGs were used while the right-hand panels represent the bootstrap results for only Coma ETGs brighter than 12.5 mag. The panels (top to bottom) show the distribution of the FP parameters (a , b and c). The red curve is the Gaussian fit to the data. The blue curve represents the shift when the Gaussian fit parameters are replaced by FP fit parameters obtained by fitting the original Coma data – the difference is indicated by Δa , Δb and Δc .

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